

Women's New Spring Suits

No longer does the woman who seeks exclusiveness wait until the new season has well advanced before she buys a suit, for right now in the beginning of the season many of the models we have now cannot be duplicated later.

It is decidedly advantageous from the point of service to buy your suit now. It can be worn the remainder of the winter, all through spring and next autumn. Hundreds of new models are here—Suits of the finest French serge, attractive black and white stripes, stylish shepherd checks, cream serge and many novelty weaves.

Cream French Serge Suits at

Some very attractive models in Cream Serge \$19.50 Suits, strictly tailored models with new short coats and plain gored skirt, are nicely lined with satin duchess. These are extremely stylish as well as serviceable.

Fine Tailored Suits at

These are in a variety of styles, of the fine \$25.00 worsteds, hairline serge, plain serge, mixtures and snowflake homespun. The nobly coats are lined with Duchesse satin, caressingly soft, strictly tailored or sailor collar effects, with plain gored or flare skirts, in all the new shades for spring.

All sizes to fit any figure, some without alterations.

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DICKINSON WILL REED IS RELIEVED SPEAK TO ALUMNI OF EXHIBIT WORK

Local V. M. I. Chapter to Hear Distinguished Men—Will Educate Boy.

Secretary of War Jacob McGavock Dickinson, of Tennessee, and the assistant chief of staff of the army, General William Harding Carter, who was born in Henrico county, have accepted invitations from the Richmond Chapter of the Virginia Military Institute Alumni Association to address the society on the occasion of its next annual meeting, November 11, 1917.

The annual gathering of the association will celebrate the seventy-fourth anniversary of the founding of the Institute. The Richmond Chapter has a membership of 130, including fourteen New Market cadets, and representing every professional and business interest.

Colonel John B. Purcell, the president, has appointed the following committee to arrange for the coming celebration: George Ainslie, Branch B. Morgan, Hunsdon Cary, Captain Joseph E. Willard, E. T. D. Meyers, Clarence Muller, Jr., W. Curtis, William H. White, General Charles J. Anderson and Captain J. C. Wise.

While the speakers have been given full liberty to select their subjects, it is understood that "The Value of a Military Training" and "The Virginia Military Institute in the Armies, Past and Present" are the subjects selected by Secretary Dickinson and General Carter, respectively.

A movement is on foot in the association to use the funds collected for the education of a Richmond boy at the Institute, as a successful candidate to be selected by the members as a body. The officers are now at work on the details, with a view of submitting them to the approval of the chapter in a special meeting, so that the applicant may be selected for the coming session.

POLICE COURT CASES

Case Against Dr. Broadus Continued to March 15.

Robert Alexander Broadus, was fined \$20 in Police Court yesterday morning on a charge of feloniously assaulting Hiram Smith.

Dr. W. E. Broadus appeared to answer to the charge of running down Walter Coleman, nine years old, who was struck by Dr. Broadus's automobile yesterday morning. The case was continued to March 15. Dr. Broadus was bailed in the sum of \$1,000.

James Gray, colored, charged with assaulting Margaret Glasgow, was fined \$25 and placed under \$300 security for six months.

Jesse Simms, colored, was sentenced to three months on each of three charges of stealing clothes from A. Greentree.

MANY PASS

But Only Thirty Men May Be Selected for Addition to Police Force.

Forty-three out of fifty aspirants for thirty jobs as policemen successfully passed the examination yesterday afternoon. There were seventy men already on the eligible list, and there are now 113 candidates from whom the Board of Police Commissioners may pick the thirty men. It was stated that most of them made a high percentage, and that many knew the location of the City Hall and the point in the horizon at which the sun rises. Thus, it will be observed, it will be a hard task for the commissioners to select only thirty men out of so many promising aspirants.

Vote on Y. W. C. A. Sale.

To secure a membership vote on the recent sale of the property of the Young Women's Christian Association, now occupied by the home in East Franklin Street, a meeting will be held to-night at 8 o'clock in order to give the purchaser, Preston Cobb, a clear title.

A feature of to-night's meeting will be an address by Miss May Quinn, executive secretary employed in one of the largest of the big factories in Jersey City, N. J.

CHARGED WITH MURDER

North Carolina Negro Suspected Arrested in Richmond.

Matthew Mebane, colored, was arrested yesterday by Detective Sergeant Bailey on suspicion of being connected in Wilson county, N. C., for the murder of Deputy Sheriff George Mumford.

Sheriff W. D. P. Sharp arrived here Tuesday night and will take Mebane back with him for trial. Mebane is said to be the last of eleven outlaws whom Deputy Sheriff Mumford was trying to arrest when he was shot and killed.

Wins Against Insurance Company. The case of R. V. Peyton against the Supreme Court Council, Independent Order of St. Luke, tried yesterday in the Law and Equity Court, resulted in a verdict of \$10,000 for the plaintiff. The action was to recover on a policy of insurance.

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HOSTETTER'S BITTER

CITY CANNOT PAY FOR PARK MUSIC

City Attorney Pollard Thinks There Is No Warrant for Appropriation.

LIKELY TO PASS ALDERMEN

Budget Will Probably Go Through Entire at To-Night's Meeting.

Although twice on record as opposing an appropriation for music in the parks, there seems every probability that the Board of Aldermen will concur in the annual budget to-night as it comes from the Council, despite an opinion from the City Attorney that the item is illegal. It may be vetoed by Mayor Richardson, who under the charter may veto any single item of an appropriation ordinance without affecting the remainder.

Last month the Board of Aldermen refused to concur in a resolution instructing the Committee on Finance to provide for music in the parks, and to make assurance doubly sure, refused to reconsider that vote. The argument was that there was no general demand for music, and that the ordering of large crowds of sometimes disorderly people was not desirable. In response to this action, the Committee on Finance made no provision in the budget for music.

Council Puts Item In. The Committee on Finance, over the protest of the Committee on Parks, amended the budget by taking \$3,225 from the account of grading and paving of alleys, for which \$10,000 had been provided, and giving it for music. The Street Committee and the Board of Health say that the work of alley paving can all afford to be put in half. Nevertheless, it had been pretty well agreed yesterday that the Board would adopt the budget as a whole.

One member said that he considered the music item ill advised, but that in view of the enormous improvements which should be under way in the early spring months, he believed it would cost the city more to tie up the appropriation ordinance between the two branches, than to let the call for work on important work. Rather than risk the delay of amendments and the consequent bandying backward and forward between the two branches, several members have agreed to vote the paper as a whole, experience in the past having shown that once the budget is broken, every member tries to get in his favorite appropriation, and the carefully balanced ordinance, the work of months in the Finance Committee, is left a wreck.

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Following are members of the committee who have the matter in charge: John W. Sharpe, chairman; R. S. Crump, F. W. Brown, J. L. Hill, Spotswood Allen, J. S. Parrish and I. J. Marcus.

There will be no expense attached to the proposed exhibit except that for operation, and no profits except benefits in the way of increased patronage to the local manufacturers.

BOYS WIN CERTIFICATES

Governor Honors Henrico Youths for Prize Corn Growing.

Several members of boys' corn clubs in Henrico county will shortly be presented with certificates by Governor Mann as a mark of distinction for raising large crops. They will be awarded to the following young agriculturists: Emil Zeller, Virginia District; Burnett Long, Westhampton; Campbell Harris, Highland Park; Thos. Highland Park; Archie Moore, Highland Park; and Martin Winebur, of Virginia.

Youths of the county are displaying much interest in the numerous clubs which have been formed in the Henrico schools under the direction of Superintendent A. D. Wright. T. O. Sander, chief demonstrator for Virginia, Bureau of Plant Industry, United States Department of Agriculture, is encouraging the youngsters in their work. He has promised them a separate booth for the exhibition of their products at the State Fair next year.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Calvary Baptists Will Hear Series of Speakers.

The congregation of the Calvary Baptist Church has decided not to have a series of evangelistic meetings this spring, as has been the custom, but has arranged for a series of special meetings for the stimulation of the church members.

These meetings will be held during the week beginning March 13, and will be addressed by five speakers of different denominations.

A quartet of male singers from Wake Forest College will assist at all the meetings.

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FAVOR RAILROAD TO NORTHERN NECK

Chamber Committees and Representative Business Men Indorse Project.

REFERRED TO DIRECTORS

Belief Expressed That Vast Trade Would Find Its Way to Richmond.

Unanimously expressing the belief that the proposed railroad between Doswell, at the junction of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, and Wicomico, in Northumberland county, would be one of the greatest steps in the modern commercial progress of the city, the Chamber of Commerce committees on inland trade and business enterprise, in joint session last night, indorsed the proposition, as presented by C. M. Ward and his associates, who are promoting it.

On motion of John C. Freeman, the recommendation for raising money for the road was referred to a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce board of directors, which was called by President H. W. Wood for this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

There was some discussion of the most acceptable mode for raising the money, which approximately will amount to \$150,000. Several different present favored stock subscriptions, but it was finally decided that the subscription proposition, which Mr. Ward favored, would be the best. The endorsement of the project, which included a number of prominent citizens, was shown by the fact that several liberal donations were offered in the meeting.

It was stated also that the two railroads would do everything in their power to make the new project a success. The forty-five men who were specially invited, forty were present, and there was not one who did not highly favor the construction of the road.

Mr. Ward's Plan. Vice-President C. M. Carrington, of the Chamber of Commerce, presided, and, having been most active in the project, he stated that the project was carefully prepared paper showing what was needed and what the city and the county might expect. Mr. Ward answered numerous questions. He estimated that the cost of building would be \$150,000, and that the \$150,000 subscription asked from this city raised, would not be touched until after the road was actually in running order.

President Wood, of the chamber, was quite as positive as Mr. Ward of the advantages of the road. In fact, he went further, and stated that he believed if the business men of the city would raise the money needed they would be repaid from the patronage of the people in the section opened up. The Mayor and several of the most substantial business men of the city followed him, and were of the same opinion.

Mr. Carrington and Mr. Ward had endeavored to show the resources of the country through which the new road is to run, and every one present was presented with an expert's report of what could be expected if it were built, it being really a statement of Richmond's legitimate trade that now goes to Baltimore. Colonel John Murphree, who is most actively interested, recounted the fact that before the War Between the States there was a stage line into this section, but that since then even that mode of communication has been cut off.

It is expected that at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce board of directors this afternoon some definite action will be taken, and that a good nucleus of money will be raised among those who attend.

BLILEY ELECTED EXALTED RULER

Elks Choose Officers for Year.

Colonel James Goes to Grand Lodge.

JOHN B. BLILEY.

John B. Bliley was last night unanimously elected exalted ruler of Richmond Lodge, No. 45, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at the annual meeting held in the home.

He succeeds Colonel J. B. Burke, who was selected, according to custom, as representative of the local lodge to the Grand Lodge, which will be held next summer in Atlantic City.

More than 150 members were present at last night's session, which was followed by an informal dinner.

Among other matters discussed was the forthcoming Atlantic City convention. Many of those present signified their intention of attending the big gathering of the antlered tribe. The committee in charge of the event is planning to have a special train to carry the delegation to the Jersey resort, and extensive preparations are being made for the event.

The following officers were elected: John B. Bliley, exalted ruler; M. P. Richter, esteemed leading knight; Eugene Brauer, esteemed loyal knight; William P. Baker, esteemed lecturer; T. R. A. Burke, secretary; John T. Anderson, Jr., treasurer; J. J. Schumann, tiller; J. E. Ferguson, trustee for three years; Past Exalted Ruler B. O. James, representative to Grand Lodge; T. R. A. Burke, alternate.

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